Conduct of Mr. P. G. Krishna Aiyar in the last Presidential election of the Nagercoil Municipality.

2. *MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any enquiry was made into the conduct of Mr. P. G. Krishna Aiyar in the last Presidential election of the Nagercoil Municipality; if so, what is the result of the inquiry, and whether they will state the proceedings verbatim they had taken thereon?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. Mr. P. G. Krishna Aiyar was severely warned for his conduct in the election. Steps were also taken to remove him from his position as the Senior Official Councillor. The proceedings cannot be disclosed, as they are confidential.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the nature of the conduct for which he was warned?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: For having improperly conducted the election of the President and in a way not warranted by law.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know how he conducted the election not warranted by law?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: In the Nagercoil Municipal elections, two candidates got equal number of votes and lots were cast. One gentleman was declared duly elected. After the declaration, somebody raised an objection. As a consequence, Mr. P. G. Krishna Aiyar cast his vote in favour of the other gentleman.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know who this somebody was that objected to it?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: One Mr. Pandaram.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Was he a member of the Municipal Council?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: Yes.

Grants to Municipalities.

3. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many municipalities receive yearly grants from Government; and

(*b*) the amount received by each?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*).

		Rs.
1103.		
Padmanabhapuram	...	500
Neyyattinkara	...	500
Trivandrum	...	18,000
1107.		
Neyyattinkara	...	250
Haripad	...	500
Trivandrum	..	12,000
1108.		
Neyyattinkara	...	500

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[Mr. A. Kumara Pillai.]

		Rs.
Padmanabhapuram	...	300
Trivandrum	...	12,000
Attingal	...	4,000
Shencotta	...	1,600
Tiruvalla	...	7,000
Nagercoil	...	7,500
Quilon	...	4,500
Alleppey	...	3,600
Kottayam	...	9,000
1109.		
Trivandrum	...	12,000
Colachel	...	500
Padmanabhapuram	...	500
Attingal	...	3,000
Tiruvalla	...	6,000
Nagercoil	...	10,000
Kottayam	...	8,000
Quilon	...	13,054-0-8. (Government's share of the acquisition of the Rifle Range area at Quilon).

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know, whether there is any condition as to how the yearly grant should be utilized ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: It is generally understood that the grant will be spent for the welfare of the citizens.

MR. K. K. THOMAS: May I know how such grants are given ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: On the request of municipalities in general.

MR. K. K. THOMAS: Is it necessary that an amount should be set apart and spent for particular schemes ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: Government do not insist upon expenditure in a particular direction.

MR. K. K. THOMAS: Would it not be better that some direction be given for municipalities to utilise the amount for a set purpose ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: That will be considered.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether there are any municipalities which applied for similar grants which were refused to them ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know why?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: Because they have enough reserve fund.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know the name of the municipality that applied for a grant in 1108?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: The Nagercoil Municipality.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I take it that that is the only municipality that applied for funds?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: Yes.

Pensionary Contribution from the municipalities in the State other than the Trivandrum Municipality.

4. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they receive any pensionary contribution from any municipality in the State other than the Trivandrum Municipality, if so, from which and the amounts received from each from the year 1095 to 1108;

(*b*) the amounts actually spent by Government towards the pension of the employees of such municipalities out of the above funds;

(*c*) what the Government have done with the surplus in their hands; and

(*d*) whether there is any municipality in the State which is directly paying the pension of its own employees?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. A statement showing the amount of pensionary contribution received from the municipalities of the State other than the Trivandrum Municipality from 1095 to 1108 is laid on the table.

(*b*) The amounts actually spent by Government towards the pension of the employees of such municipalities cannot be separately given as the pension audit registers do not indicate the name of the municipality along with the name of the pensioner.

(*c*) The pensionary contribution received from the municipal employees is credited to general revenues and pensions to them are also met from general revenues. Hence the question of utilising surplus with Government does not arise.

(*d*) No municipality in the State is directly paying pension to their employees.

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